GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UTILIZATION OF FOREST AREA IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a vast scope for utilisation of forest areas of Courtallam in Tamil Nadu and also availability of plenty of herbs;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to set up a herbal garden in Courtallam; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a) to (c) Courtallam in Tamil Nadu is rich in medicinal herbs. Efficacy of drugs made from plants growing in Courtallam is widely recognized. A Medicinal Plant Conservation Area of 132 hectares has been established in the Reserve Forest area of Courtallam. However, there is no proposal to set up a herbal garden in Courtallam.